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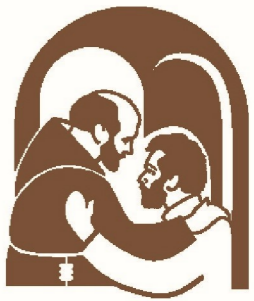
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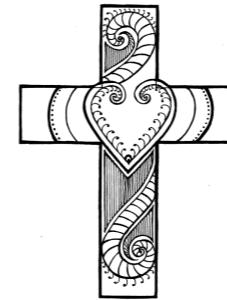
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**19 Feb 2023 – Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**



**Readings This Week**  
First: **Leviticus 19: 1-2, 17-18**  
Responsorial Psalm: **103**  
Second: **First Corinthians 3: 16-23**  
Gospel: **Matthew 5: 38-48**

**Readings Next Week (first Sunday of Lent)**  
First: **Genesis 2: 7-9; 3: 1-7**  
Responsorial Psalm: **51**  
Second: **Romans 5: 12-19 or 5: 12, 17-19**  
Gospel: **Matthew 4:1-11**

**Responsorial Psalm 103**  
Response: **The Lord is kind and merciful.**

**Mission Statement of Our Parish**  
"We the Catholic Community of the Holy Cross Parish Henderson, empowered by the Holy Spirit, accept and proclaim the Good News and strive to be one in God's love and to be of service to others".

**Communion Reflection**  
Was Jesus exaggerating when he said we must be perfect as our heavenly Father is perfect (Matthew 5:48)? Jesus' command seems to parallel two passages from the Old Testament Scriptures. The first is where God instructed Abraham to "be perfect/blameless" before God (Genesis 17:1). The original meaning of "perfect" in Hebrew and the Aramaic dialect which Jesus spoke is "completeness" or "wholeness" - "not lacking in what is essential."  
The second passage that seems to parallel Jesus' expression - "be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect"- is the command that God gave to Moses and the people of Israel to "be holy, for I am holy" (Leviticus 11:44,45; 19:2). God created each one of us in his own image and likeness (Genesis 1:26,27). That is why he calls us to grow in maturity and wholeness so we can truly be like him - a people who loves as he loves and who chooses to do what is good and to reject what is evil (Ephesians 4:13-16).

**CAPUCHIN FRIARS**  
Fr. Sebastian Fernandes OFM Cap.—Parish Priest  
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**MASS TIMES**  
Tuesday & Thursday - 9am  
Wednesday - 9am & 7:30pm  
Friday - 9am and every First Friday of the month at 7:30pm  
Saturday - 8am and 6pm Vigil Mass  
Sunday - 7am, 9am, 10:30am, 6pm  
**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**  
Thursday— After 9am Mass until 12pm  
**RECONCILIATION**  
Wednesday - 6:45pm to 7:15pm  
Also by appointment  
**BAPTISM SCHEDULE**  
Saturday 10:30—12:30pm  
**HOLY CROSS CHILDREN'S CATECHISM CLASSES**  
Every Sunday 10:30am –11:30am  
**HOLY CROSS CHILDREN'S Mass**  
Every First Saturday of the Month at 6pm  
**20 DECADE ROSARY**  
Wednesday –After 9am Mass  
**NOVENA TO OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP**  
Wednesday 7:10pm  
**FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH**  
Rosary: 6:45pm followed by Adoration & Holy Mass  
**CARING COMMUNITY**  
Drop-in every Tuesday after 9 am Mass  
**SACRAMENT OF THE SICK**  
Every 3rd Tuesday of the month at 11am followed by a shared lunch  
**MEDITATION**  
Last Friday of the month at 10am  
**DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET NOVENA & ROSARY**  
Every 4th Sunday of the month 2pm-3pm

**HOLY CROSS PARISH NOTICES**

**The Lenten Seminar for Children at Holy Cross Church Henderson**— Registration is still open for our Lenten seminar for children aged 7-15 this Sunday, 19th February, 11:30am-3:30pm right after 10:30am mass. Lunch provided. Engage your children with Bible activities, creativity, gospel music and interaction with peers of their own age group. Text 0223193621 with child's name and age to register. Don't miss out!

**Sacrament of the Sick** is on Tuesday, 21st February followed by a shared lunch. All are welcome.

**Ash Wednesday is on 22nd February with masses at 9am, 12 noon, and 7:30pm.**

**Preparation for Holy Week**—We are inviting all the Community Leaders to meet on Thursday, 23rd February 2023, 7:30pm at the parish pastoral centre. Please RSVP Sr Ake on 021 2513796.

**Holy Cross Parish would like to announce a Lent Reconciliation Day in preparation for Easter .**

Date: Wednesday 22nd March 2023

Time: 7pm-8pm

We encourage everyone to save the date and make use of this confession. There will be no Mass.

**Sacrament of Baptism for children ages 6 years and below** - If you are interested in having your child baptized, it is a requirement for the parents to attend a Baptism Formation Program. The next program will take place on Thursday, 16th March from 7pm to 8:30pm in our church. To register, please text "BAPTISM PROGRAM" along with the parents' names to 022 673 2208. For children 7 years and above, please contact the parish office for further information.

**St Vincent de Paul**- Our hardworking volunteers have been helping with food items, breads (from Baker's Delight and Pak-n-save) and toiletries to the flood victims of West Auckland (Henderson and Ranui). If you would like to contribute to this cause and make a difference, please drop off your donations of non-perishable food and toiletries (only) at the SVDP donation box located at the church foyer. Monetary donations also welcome: Acct No: 12-3020-0488780-00. Thank you!

A reminder that St Vincent de Paul members will be outside the church accepting donations after all masses this weekend.

**Offertory:** Starting this year, we would like to roster parish families to take up the offertory at all Sunday masses. The hope is that, it will give an opportunity for every family to meaningfully participate at the Eucharist Celebration. If you have a preferred Sunday your family likes, please contact Sister Ake on akeholycross@gmail.com.

**Preference Card**—Preference cards will be signed only by appointment every Tuesday from 11am until 12:30pm. In order to complete a preference enrolment certificate you need to be a parishioner registered with Holy Cross Parish Henderson. You also must present a copy of your child's baptism certificate or in the event the child is not baptized in the Catholic Faith, baptism certificate of the parent/guardian/aunt/uncle or God parent requesting the child's baptism in the Catholic Faith is needed.

**Sponsors for parish bulletin**—We have a limited number of sponsorship slots available in our parish bulletin, The Brown Robe. The cost for a whole year of sponsorship is \$500. If you are interested in becoming a sponsor, please contact Jasmine at 09 8353355 or via email at accounts@hendersoncatholic.org.nz for more information.

**Holy Cross Men's fellowship** will have their monthly meeting on Thursday the 23rd February at 7pm in the parish meeting room. All men of the parish are welcome to attend. For further details please contact George on 0212080447.

**Zumba**—Please be informed that there will be no Zumba classes until further notice.

**Job Vacancy**—Our Lady of Lourdes, Glen Eden is currently seeking a Parish Secretary. Role involves general secretarial work and administration, basic knowledge of accounting (MYOB) mainly responsible for accounts payable, managing the parish website, weekly newsletters, handling enquiries over the phone and emails. Office hours are from 8.30am till 1.30pm so roughly 25 hours a week Mon to Friday. Please submit CV and covering letter to Parish Priest email paulhelsham@gmail.com.

**Auckland Diocese Notices** are posted in the church foyer.



**SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK**

<b>Monday</b>	Sirach 1: 1-10	Ps 93 ;	Mark 9: 14-29
<b>Tuesday</b>	Sirach 2: 1-11	Ps 37;	Mark 9: 30-37
<b>Wednesday</b>	Joel 2: 12-18	Ps 51;	2 Cor 5: 20 - 6:2
<b>Thursday</b>	Duet 30: 15-20	Ps 1	Luke 9: 22-25
<b>Friday</b>	Isaiah 58: 1-9a	Ps 51:	Matthew 9: 14-15
<b>Saturday</b>	Isaiah 58: 9b-14	Ps 86:	Luke 5: 27-32

**WORDS OF APPRECIATION**

I would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to Fr Sebastian and everyone for the love and greetings on the occasion of my 41st year of profession to religious life. I appreciated the many prayers, phone calls, messages, cards and monetary gifts I received. As I reflect on the last 41 years I wonder where it has gone! I thank God for blessing me with these years as they were full of challenges and surprises. However, having the prayers, love and support of you all has enabled me to overcome rough patches and obstacles along the way. Please continue to pray for me as I do for each of you.—**Sr. Akenese**

**ROSTER FOR 18th & 19th February 2023 7th Sunday Ordinary Time**

Mass	Vigil Sat 6pm	Sun 7am	Sun 9 am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 6pm
<b>Leader :</b>	Sr Ake Nun Toon	Ana Maria	Vicky Coakley	Miriama Betham	Katherine Tanginoa
<b>Reader 1:</b>	Ingrid D'Silva	Letisia Levave	Ann McGrath	Sandy Mary	Vijaya Nicholas
<b>Reader 2:</b>	Michele de Melo	Chris Mendes	Mike Smith	Morning Star Finau	Mary Louise Membrere
<b>Ministers of Holy Communion:</b>	Dominica Cowan Lyndon Cowan Lloyd de Melo	Selesitina Levave Winnie Veikoso	Paul Coakley Clare Connelly Sherry Smith	Lena San Gabriel Gerry San Gabriel Josephine Kim	Ann Mckeown Mike Mckeown Maria Seufatu
<b>Collector:</b>	Phyllis Godwyn	Sullivan Family	Anthony Couto	Celino O./Michael E.	Flocy Membrere
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Stephanie & Ryan	Matthew & Jivanni	Levi & Caroline	Simi, Mitchell, Fredrick	<b>Neil Fernandes</b>
<b>Music Ministry:</b>	Everlyn Pereira	Quiet Mass	Lesatele Family	Couples for Christ	
		Cleaning Couples for Christ Redfern Family Sagote Family	Flowers Seufatu Family	Children's Liturgy Dennis & Arthy	

**ROSTER FOR 25th & 26th February 2023 1st Sunday of Lent**

Mass	Vigil Sat 6pm	Sun 7am	Sun 9 am	Sun 10:30am	Sun 6pm
<b>Leader :</b>	Margie D'Rozario	Sr Ake Nun Toon	Janice Coakley	Filipino Community	Katherine Tanginoa
<b>Reader 1:</b>	Anita Gupta	Mary Turnwald	Delores Lesatele		Mary Louise Mem.
<b>Reader 2:</b>	Gafatasi Endermann	Frances Ah Ken	Yollanda D'Rosario		Maria de Hoog
<b>Ministers of Holy Communion:</b>	Renante Alimagno Maria Alimagno Joselito Padilla	Geraldine Sequera Francis Ah Ken	Paul Coakley Jane Thomsen Sina Patolo		Maria Faleusu Emmett Kennedy Sagato Matau
<b>Collector:</b>	Phyllis Godwyn	Sullivan Family	Anthony Couto		Flocy Membrere
<b>Altar Servers:</b>	Stephanie & Sephan	Matthew & Jivanni	Chana & Hezekia		Salomi & Jazer
<b>Music Ministry:</b>	Indian group	Quiet Mass	Vakauta Family	Children's Liturgy Missionaries of Charity Sisters	Dennis & Arthy
		Cleaning Couples for Christ Redfern Family Sagote Family	Flowers Filipino Community		

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